

PROCLAMATION

STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

While we are ever conscious of our debt to the illustrious fathers of our country, who led us as a small nation in battles dedicated to the cause of liberty and freedom, we must also remember the contribution of all the many patriots—ordinary men—who fought so that all men might be free.

Among these patriots was a run-away slave, Chrispus Attucks, whose blood was spilled in the Boston Massacre of 1770, the armed conflict in which colonial Americans underscored their determination to resist the quartering of British troops in peacetime in their homes, their cities, and their institutions, on the principle that the quartering of troops was an imposition on their freedom and rights.

Attucks, who was enjoying his new-found liberty as a sailor on a whaling vessel, took a central part with his white brethren in opposing the presence of the troops, and gave his life with other colonial patriots in a common cause against a common enemy. Since that time, many other Americans, regardless of race or color have stood together and made the supreme sacrifice in defense of our American ideals.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALFRED E. DRISCOLL, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim

MARCH 5, 1948

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CHRISPUS ATTUCKS DAY,

in recognition of an unsung hero who remains as a symbol of the courage and national devotion of the race he represents, and of the co-operation of

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all races which has made and kept our nation strong.

[SEAL] Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this first day of March, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-eight, and in the Independence of the United States the one hundred and seventy-second.

ALFRED E. DRISCOLL,
Governor.

By the Governor:
LLOYD B. MARSH,
Secretary of State.

WE, THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE NEW JERSEY STATE FEDERATION OF COLORED WOMEN'S CLUBS INC., PETITIONED THE HONORABLE JAMES CURTIS, ASSEMBLYMAN FROM ESSEX COUNTY TO ISSUE THIS PROCLAMATION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NEW JERSEY AND PETITIONED THE GOVERNOR OF NEW JERSEY, THE HONORABLE ALFRED E. DRISCOLL, TO SIGN AND SO PROCLAIM TO THE CITIZENS OF NEW JERSEY, THAT MARCH 5th, 1948 should be a legal holiday, and every year thereafter.

THAT ON THE 12th DAY OF MARCH, 1967, we petition this General Assembly and Governor of New Jersey to please issue this proclamation, designating March 5th as a Legal Holiday, and every year hereafter.

President, Mrs. Wallace Giles
New Jersey State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs Inc.
Legislative Chairman, Mrs. Delia H. Martin